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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

This responds in full to the Notice to Comply With The Sequence Rules mailed February 7, 2002. This response is timely file by virtue of being filed within the one month deadline set in the Official Action.

Responsive to the Notice to Comply With The Sequence Rules (37 CFR 1.821-10825) mailed February 7, 2002, please enter the Amendment in the above-identified application as follows:



Please amend the following paragraph beginning on page 6, line 4:

Fig. 6. Highly conserved sequence of human, murine, *D. melanogaster*, and *C. elegans NIT1* gene (SEQ ID NO:1) and protein (SEQ. ID. NO: 25 thru SEQ. ID. NO: 31).

Attached herein are the clean versions and marked up versions of the amendments shown above.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) and (g)

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) and (g), that that the contents of the paper and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 – 1.825, respectively are the same. The undersigned hereby states that no new matter is introduced by this submission.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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